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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

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Timber Hill LLC				OFFICIAL USE ONLY
				FIRM ID. NO.
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Two Pickwick Plaza				
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Greenwich	Conne			06830
(City)	(Sta	ite)		(Zip Code)
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			(1	Area Code - Telephone No.)
	B. ACCO	DUNTANT IDENTI	FICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCO	OUNTANT who	se opinion is contain	ed in this Report*	
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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

#### **AFFIRMATION**

I, Paul Brody, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules pertaining to Timber Hill LLC for the year ended December 31, 2002 are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

Signature 2/25/03
Date

DOUGLAS A. MADONIA Notary Public, State of Connecticut

My Commission Expires June 30, 2003

Title

<u>Treasurer</u>

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Managing Member and Members of Timber Hill LLC Greenwich, Connecticut

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Timber Hill LEC the "Company") as of December 31, 2002, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 1.16 under the Commodity Exchange Act. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Timber Hill LLC at December 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic statement of financial condition taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules included on pages 11, 12, 13 and 14 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statement, but are supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the regulations under the Commodity Exchange Act. These schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Such schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statement and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole.

Debitte + Touche LLP

February 21, 2003



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2002

See notes to statement of financial condition.

ASSETS			
Cash Cash and securities - Segregated under federal and other regulations Secured demand note receivable collateralized		\$	1,966,742 119,476
by marketable securities Securities purchased under agreements to resell U.S. treasury bills - Pledged			5,200,000 13,500,000 63,568,673
Receivables from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations Securities borrowed			30,132,561 1,493,585,072
Securities owned, at market: (Note 3) Securities owned Securities owned - Pledged as collateral	\$ 1,447,170,488 801,985,703		
Total			2,249,156,191
Other assets			65,319,673
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	3,922,548,388
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' CAPITAL			
LIABILITIES: Securities sold but not yet purchased, at market (Note 3) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase with an affiliate Securities loaned		\$	2,204,026,570 42,000,000 762,549,329
Payables to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations Short-term bank loans (Note 4)			51,134,540 12,000,000
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities			25,526,478
Total			3,097,236,917
LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS (Note 6)			5,200,000
MEMBERS' CAPITAL			820,111,471
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' CAPITAL		<u>\$</u>	3,922,548,388

## NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

Timber Hill LLC (the "Company") is a broker-dealer and a member of various securities and commodities exchanges. The Company is also a member of the National Futures Association and a registered futures commission merchant. All security and commodity transactions are cleared either by the Company or through other clearing brokers and organizations. The Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities. The Company executes orders and carries positions in commodity futures and options on a limited scale and on an omnibus basis for an affiliated futures commission merchant.

The Company is 99.99% owned by Interactive Brokers Group LLC ("IBGLLC"). In addition to the Company, IBGLLC is comprised of the following companies: Interactive Brokers LLC ("IBLLC"), Timber Hill Europe AG ("THE"), Timber Hill Hong Kong Limited ("THHK"), Timber Hill Securities Hong Kong Limited ("THSHK"), Timber Hill Australia Pty Limited ("THA"), Timber Hill Canada Company, Inc. ("THC"), Interactive Brokers Canada ("IBC") and Interactive Brokers (UK) Limited. ("IBUK"). THE is the parent company of Timber Hill (U.K.) Limited ("THUK").

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Company conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and prevailing industry practices.

#### Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at December 31, 2002, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Such estimates include estimated useful lives of equipment, estimated fair value of financial instruments and estimated contingency reserves.

#### **Principal Transactions**

Stocks, corporate bonds, futures and options transactions are reflected in the financial statements on a trade date basis and are valued at market.

#### Federal and State Income Taxes

The Company is a limited liability company, which qualifies as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes. As such, the Company files a partnership income tax return for Federal, states and localities. Each Company member is individually responsible for reporting income or loss to the extent required by Federal income tax regulations, based upon their respective share of the Company's income and expenses. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements include no provision for Federal income taxes.

#### U.S. Treasury Bills - Pledged

U.S. Treasury bills are carried at amortized cost, which approximates market value. In the normal course of business such securities are pledged with the Company's clearing organizations, as disclosed in Note 7.

#### Collateralized Financing Arrangements

Securities purchased under agreement to resell and securities sold under agreements to repurchase are treated as collateralized financing transactions and are recorded at their contractual amounts, plus accrued interest. The Company's policy is to obtain possession of collateral, with a market value equal to or in excess of the principal amount loaned under resale agreements. To ensure that the market value of the underlying collateral remains sufficient, this collateral is valued daily with additional collateral obtained or excess collateral returned when appropriate, as required through contractual provisions.

#### Securities Borrowed and Securities Loaned

Securities borrowed and securities loaned are recorded at the amount of cash collateral advanced or received. Securities borrowed transactions require the Company to deposit cash, letters of credit, or other securities with the counterparty. With respect to securities loaned, the Company receives collateral in the form of cash or other securities in an amount generally in excess of the market value of the securities loaned. The Company monitors the market value of securities borrowed and loaned on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained or refunded as necessary.

#### Securities Pledged

On the Statement of Financial Condition for the period ended December 31, 2002, all firm owned securities pledged to counterparties where the counterparty has the right, by contract or custom, to sell or repledge the securities are classified as securities pledged as collateral as required by SFAS No. 140. There were \$801,985,703 of such securities pledged at December 31, 2002. There were also \$63,369,850 of U.S. treasury bills pledged at December 31, 2002. At December 31, 2002, collateral received from counterparties amounted to \$1,466,411,813, which the Company has the right to repledge or resell, of which substantially all has been repledged or resold.

#### Receivable and Payable from/to Brokers, Dealers and Clearing Organizations

Receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations include amounts receivable for securities failed to deliver, amounts receivable from clearing organizations relating to open transactions, good-faith and margin deposits, and commissions and floor-brokerage receivables. Payables to broker-dealers and clearing organizations include amounts payable for securities failed to receive, amounts payable to clearing organizations on open transactions, and floor-brokerage payables. In addition, the net receivable or payable arising from unsettled trades would be reflected in those captions.

#### Defined Contribution Plan

The Company has a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees who have met service requirements.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment are included in other assets and primarily consist of technology hardware, software and leasehold improvements. Property, Plant and Equipment are reported at historical cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method. Equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets, while leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the estimated economic useful life of the asset or the term of the lease.

#### New Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Financial Interpretation No. 45, ("FIN 45") "Guarantors Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others", which elaborates on the disclosures to be made by a guarantor about its obligations under certain guarantees that it issues. It also requires a guarantor to recognize, at the inception of the guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee. The initial recognition and measurement provisions of FIN 45 apply prospectively to guarantees issued after December 31, 2002 regardless of the guarantor's fiscal year-end. The disclosure requirements of FIN 45 are effective for fiscal periods ending after December 15, 2002. See Note 7 – Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees for these disclosures.

In January 2003, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 46 ("FIN 46"), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities - an interpretation of ARB No. 51", which provides guidance on the consolidation of certain entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support. Such entities are referred to as Variable Interest Entities or "VIEs". FIN 46, as it relates to entities in existence as of January 31, 2003, is effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. For new entities, FIN 46 is effective February 1, 2003. The Company will adopt FIN 46 as required in 2003 and believes that the adoption will not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

#### 3. SECURITIES OWNED AND SOLD BUT NOT YET PURCHASED

Securities owned and sold but not yet purchased consist of the following:

	Owned	Sold But Not Yet Purchased
Stocks	\$ 1,120,095,010	\$ 1,189,459,305
Options	1,127,226,893	1,014,567,265
Bonds	1,834,288	
	\$ 2,249,156,191	\$ 2,204,026,570

The market value of securities owned by the Company that have been loaned or pledged to counterparties as collateral under agreements whereby, each counterparty had the right to sell or repledge the collateral at December 31, 2002, was approximately \$801,985,703, of which \$71,991,973 was with an affiliate.

#### 4. SHORT-TERM BANK LOANS

Short-term overnight bank loans bear interest at fluctuating rates based on the Federal Funds rate. At December 31, 2002, there were loans outstanding of \$2,000,000, collateralized by \$3,225,994 in equity securities at a rate of 1.6500% and \$10,000,000 unsecured at a rate of 1.8125%. They were repaid on January 2, 2003.

## 5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK AND FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES

Off-Balance-Sheet Risk - The Company derives its revenues from buying and selling a variety of financial instruments. Certain of these instruments, including equity options and futures products, give rise to off-balance-sheet risk. Risk arises from changes in the value of these contracts (market risk) and also from the potential inability of counterparties to perform under the terms of the contracts (credit risk). The Company relies upon its proprietary computer system to assure that the market risk inherent in its portfolio at any moment is minimized. Credit risk is limited in that substantially all of the contracts are settled directly with securities and commodities clearing houses.

The Company enters into securities purchased under agreements to resell and securities sold under agreements to repurchase transactions ("repos") in addition to securities borrowing and lending arrangements, all which may result in credit exposure in the event the counterparty to the transaction is unable to fulfill its contractual obligations. In accordance with industry practice, repos are collateralized by securities deposited by the Company with a market value in excess of the Company's obligation under the contract. Similarly, securities borrowed and loaned agreements are collateralized by deposits and receipts of cash. The Company attempts to minimize credit risk associated with these activities by monitoring collateral values on a daily basis and requiring additional collateral to be deposited with or returned to the Company when deemed necessary.

Securities sold, but not yet purchased represent obligations of the Company to deliver the specified securities at the contracted price, and thereby, may create a liability to repurchase them in the market at prevailing prices. Accordingly, these transactions result in off-balance-sheet risk as the Company's repurchase of such securities may exceed the amount recognized in the Company's Statement of Financial Condition.

Fair Value - Due to the nature of its operations, substantially all of the Company's financial instrument assets, comprising of securities owned, securities purchased under agreements to resell, securities borrowed and receivables from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations are carried at market value based on quoted market prices or are assets which are short-term in nature and are reflected at amounts approximating fair value. Similarly, all of the Company's financial instrument liabilities arise from securities sold, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, securities loaned and liabilities, which are short-term in nature and are reported at quoted market prices or at amounts approximating fair value. Fair value information by class of derivative financial instruments is included below under such caption.

Derivative Financial Instruments - The Company buys and sells derivative financial instruments for trading purposes solely for its own account. The fair value of derivative financial instruments held at December 31, 2002 and the average fair value of the instruments for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 are as follows:

	Liabilit		Assets		
verage	<b>Value</b>	Fai	Average	Fair Value	
					Derivatives used for
					Trading purposes:
89,451,271	567,265	\$ 1,014	\$ 1,288,852,604	\$ 1,127,226,893	Options
84,777	553,008		845,544	2,015,054	Futures contracts
					Foreign Exchange
348,615	217,992		733,515	832,733	contracts
84,	553,008	. ,	845,544	2,015,054	Trading purposes: Options Futures contracts Foreign Exchange

#### 6. SUBORDINATED LIABILITIES

The Company has an unsecured revolving senior subordinated loan facility of \$15,000,000, which was unutilized at December 31, 2002 and expires on June 2, 2003. Borrowings under the agreement bear interest at a rate of prime plus 2.4%.

The Company also has a secured demand note collateral agreement for \$5,200,000, which matures on December 31, 2002. The note bears interest at a rate of 5%. This agreement is collateralized by fixed income securities having a market value of \$6,111,511.

The agreements covering the subordinated loan and secured demand note have been approved by the American Stock Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and are thus available in computing the Company's net capital pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Note 11). To the extent that such loans are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid.

#### 7. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND GUARANTEES

Litigation - As of December 31, 2002, the Company has been named as party to certain actions. Although the results of legal actions cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management that the resolution of these actions will not have a material adverse effect on the financial statements of the Company.

Leases - The Company has noncancelable operating leases covering office space. One office lease is subject to escalation clauses based on specified costs incurred by the landlord and contains a renewal election. Future minimum rental commitments under office leases are as follows:

Year	Office Rent
2003	\$ 3,328,984
2004	3,386,204
2005	3,432,314
2006	
	<u>\$11,781,137</u>

Other Commitments - The Company has other collateralized letters of credit of \$1,250,000, which expired on January 16, 2002, which were renewed on such date. These letters of credit are collateralized by equity securities of \$1,359,067.

U.S. Treasury bills generally are used to satisfy the Company's daily margin and clearing fund requirements with its clearing organizations.

Guarantees - The Company provides guarantees to securities clearinghouses and exchanges which meet the accounting definition of a guarantee under FIN 45. Under the standard membership agreement, members are required to guarantee the performance of other members. Under the agreements, if another member becomes unable to satisfy its obligations to the clearinghouse, other members would be required to meet shortfalls. The Company's liability under these arrangements is not quantifiable and could exceed the cash and securities it has posted as collateral. However, the potential for the Company to be required to make payments under these arrangements is remote. Accordingly, no contingent liability is carried on the Statement of Financial Condition for these transactions.

#### 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

THE, THUK, THC, THA, THHK and THSHK are registered securities dealers in Switzerland, Great Britain, Canada, Australia and Hong Kong respectively and trade on a proprietary basis. IBLLC, IBUK and IBC are registered broker-dealers in the US, Great Britain and Canada respectively, and engage in execution and clearing securities services for customers. IBGLLC is the holding company for the group of operating companies. These companies share administrative, financial and technological resources as well as engage in security transactions such as trade execution in the ordinary course of business with the Company.

Included in assets in the statement of financial condition are the following amounts with related parties as of December 31, 2002:

Receivables from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations

Brokerage transactions receivable Dividend receivable	\$ 535,686 31,593
Other assets	
Administrative and service fee receivables Advances receivable Brokerage Fees Receivable Interest receivable Loans receivable	\$ 2,187,583 3,199,861 3,718,574 366,479 41,200,200

Loans receivable from affiliates bear interest ranging from 1.66% to 2.15% and are payable on demand.

Included in liabilities in the statement of financial condition are the following amounts with related parties as of December 31, 2002:

Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities

Advances payable	\$ 2,116,669
Brokerage fees payable	2,038,554
Consulting fee payable	2,107,837
Interest payable	75,483
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase Securities loaned	42,000,000 41,951,171

#### 9. SEGREGATION OF FUNDS

In accordance with the Commodity Exchange Act, the Company is required to segregate all monies, securities and property received to margin and to guaranty or secure the trades or contracts of customers in regulated commodities. At December 31, 2002, segregated funds exceeded such requirements by \$105,136. At December 31, 2002, cash in the amount of \$119,476 and U.S. Treasury bills, with a market value of \$10,644,738, were segregated.

#### 10. INCOME TAXES

In a prior year, the Company was informed that a local jurisdiction intended to assess additional taxes. The Company is vigorously contesting this assessment and has reserved \$7,000,000 for this potential litigation. Although no final determination has been made, management believes that the resolution will not result in any material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

#### 11. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company has elected to use the alternative method permitted by the rule, which requires the Company, as a market maker, to maintain minimum net capital in an amount not less than \$2,500 for each security in which it makes a market (unless a security in which it makes a market has a market value of \$5 or less, in which event the amount of net capital shall be not less than \$1,000 for each such security), with a maximum requirement of \$1,000,000 or 2 percent of aggregate debit balances arising from customer transactions, as defined. The Company is also subject to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's minimum financial requirements (Regulation 1.17) which require that the Company maintain net capital, as defined, equal to 4% of customer funds required to be segregated pursuant to the Commodity Exchange Act, less the market value of certain commodity options, as defined (The Net Capital Rule also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if resulting net capital would be less than 5% of aggregate debits). At December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital of \$469,064,151, which was \$468,064,151 in excess of required net capital.

#### 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 15, 2003, the Company's managing members approved and paid a cash dividend to the members of the Company totaling \$33,103,310.

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# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 DECEMBER 31, 2002

NET CAPITAL: Total members' capital Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors	\$820,111,471 5,200,000
Members' capital and allowable subordinated borrowings	825,311,471
Deductions and/or charges - Other assets	55,493,976
Net capital before haircuts on security positions	769,817,495
Haircuts on securities positions - Trading and investment securities	300,753,344
NET CAPITAL	\$469,064,151
MINIMUM DOLLAR NET CAPITAL REQUIRED	\$ 1,000,000
CAPITAL IN EXCESS OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	\$468,064,151

Note: There are no material differences between the computation of net capital presented above and that reported by the Company in its unaudited FOCUS Report as of December 31, 2002.

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 DECEMBER 31, 2002

As the Company does not carry any customer securities accounts, an exemption under Section (k)(2)(i) is claimed.

SCHEDULE OF SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDS IN SEGREGATION FOR CUSTOMERS TRADING ON U.S. COMMODITY EXCHANGES PURSUANT TO SECTION 4D(2) UNDER THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT DECEMBER 31, 2002

SEGREGATION REQUIREMENT:  Net ledger balance - securities  Exchange traded options - market value of open option contracts purchased  on a contract market  Exchange traded options - market value of open option contracts granted (sold)  on a contract market	\$ 10,445,967 55,788 (228,908)
Net equity	10,272,847
Amount required to be segregated	10,272,847
FUNDS IN SEGREGATION ACCOUNTS:	
Deposited in segregated funds bank accounts - cash	119,476
Net settlement from (to) clearing organizations of contract markets	(213,111)
Margin on deposit with clearing organizations of contract markets:	•
U.S. treasury bills representing investments of an affiliate's funds at market value	198,771
U.S. treasury bills held for an affiliate in lieu of cash at market value	10,445,967
Exchange traded options - value of open long option contracts	55,788
Exchange traded options - value of open short option contracts	(228,908)
Total amount in segregation	10,377,983
EXCESS FUNDS IN SEGREGATION	\$ 105,136

Note: There are no material reconciling items between the amounts presented above and the amounts reported by the Company in its unaudited FOCUS Report as of December 31, 2002.

SCHEDULE OF SECURED AMOUNTS AND FUNDS HELD IN SEPARATE ACCOUNTS FOR FOREIGN FUTURES AND FOREIGN OPTIONS CUSTOMERS PURSUANT TO REGULATION 30.7 UNDER THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT DECEMBER 31, 2002

As the Company does not carry customer accounts for trading on Foreign Commodity Exchanges, it neither computes nor segregates funds pursuant to Regulation 30.7 under the Commodity Exchange Act.

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February 21, 2003

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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Timber Hill LLC (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2002 (on which we issued our report dated February 21, 2003), we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 1.16 under the Commodity Exchange Act, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by the Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) and Regulation 1.16: (1) in making the periodic computations of aggregate debits and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11); (2) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13; (3) for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 30.7 under the Commodity Exchange Act and (4) in making the daily computations of the segregation requirements of Section 4d(2). We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control and of the practices and procedures, and to assess whether those practices procedures can be expected to achieve the Securities and Exchange Commission's and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's (the "Commissions") above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition, and that transactions are



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executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) and Regulation 1.16(d)(2) list additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal control or of such practices and procedures to future periods are subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the practices or procedures may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the Company's internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the Company's internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the Company's internal control and its operation, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commissions to be adequate for their purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Commodity Exchange Act and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002, to meet the Commissions' objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the American Stock Exchange, Inc., the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Regulation 1.16 under the Commodity Exchange Act in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers and futures commission merchants, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Yours truly,

